

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-10 are pending.

Claims 1-3 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,017,414 to Koemtzopoulos et al.

Claims 4-9 are allowed.

Applicants' Reply

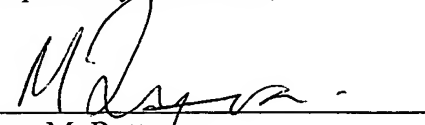
Applicants kindly thank the examiner for allowing claims 4-9.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-3 and 10 in order to advance the prosecution of this case.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request a notice of allowance. In the event that the application is not deemed in condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in an effort to advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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